

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Board of Trustees Meeting November 11, 2003

Vice Chair Jim Daily called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted Chair Kim Bonham was absent.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the October 14, 2003 regular meeting and the October 23, 2003 special meeting were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer JC Zalog presented the financial report for October 15 through November 10, 2003. Report was filed for audit.

Zalog moved to purchase a 30 day \$35,000 certificate of deposit from the general

fund at an interest rate of 3%. Brett Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

### Old Business

#### Accountant Bids

Vice-Chair Daily reviewed the bids received from CPA firms. It was noted that only two bids were received. Bids were received from McCullough, Officer & Company for \$75.00 per hour for non-audit work and \$2,000 for the audit; Dunton & Associates for \$2800 for audit fee and non-audit fees are based on staff that is involved, Partner \$130, Senior Manager \$85 to \$95, staff accountant \$45 to \$65 and support staff \$35 per hour. It was noted that

Kirkpatrick, Phillips & Miller did not submit a bid.

Zalog moved to accept the bid from McCullough, Officer & Company. James Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

### Operation Wipe Out

It was noted that 43 tons of trash was removed from the Village in the thirty day period. A card from Jerry Ensich from Outpost was read into the minutes thanking the Village for the project. The total amount for the operation exceeded the \$4,000 allocated by \$280.70.

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## 2004 Election

In April, 2004 election will be held for three (3) Trustee positions. The qualifications to run for the position are: 1) Must be a resident of the Village of Indian Point for at least one year immediately preceding the election; 2) a citizen of the United States; and 3) must be 21 years of age or older.

If you are interested in running for the position of Trustee, please come by the Village of Indian Point office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to file. Filing dates are December 16, 2003 through January 20, 2004.

## Preparing for Winter by Paul Hough

The winter season is practically upon us. Be prepared for snow, blizzards, and freezing weather. Monitor the National Weather Service. There are two things to remember. A Winter Storm Watch means simply that severe winter weather may be in your area. A Winter Storm Warning is indication that severe weather conditions are definitely on the way to your area.

Items to have on hand for your own protection in case of severe weather include a generator with extra fuel, radio with extra batteries, secure alternate fuel source

for heat, rock salt to melt snow and ice on steps and walkways, and one gallon of water for each member of the family each day for six days. A cell phone is a good addition.

**FOOD:** Ready to eat canned food with manual can opener, canned juices, vitamins, and special foods for infants and elderly with special needs.

**FIRST AID:** Have an adequate supply of bandages (multiple sizes), latex gloves, antiseptic soap, non-prescription drugs such as aspirin and antacids, and

prescription drugs.

**CLOTHING AND BEDDING:** Sturdy shoes and/or boots, raingear, blankets, hats, gloves, thermal underwear, and sunglasses.

Make sure your tool box is accessible.

Your car(s) should be in good working condition and full of fuel. Drive only if necessary, and then with extreme caution. Should you get stuck, do not leave your car. Use a cell phone or wait for someone to come by.

This is just a short list of things to do to be prepared

for a winter storm. Use your own thinking ability to complete the list that best fits your needs. Check on your neighbors to see if they need help.

STOP, THINK, then ACT.

*Paul Hough is a member of the Police and Safety Committee for the Village of Indian Point. He worked as the Stone County's Director of Emergency Management for seven years before retiring.*

## News Briefs...

### Toys for Tots Drive is On

White Wing resort is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive. *Toys for Tots* will distribute toys to needy children within Stone County this holiday season. Gifts should be new unwrapped items for children ranging in ages from infants to teenagers. The resort is the drop off point for the gifts. Drop offs will be accepted daily between 8 am and 6 pm through the week of Christmas. White Wing Resort is located at the end of Jakes Creek Drive off Indian Point Road. If you have any questions contact Jim or Laura Daily at 338-2318.

### Holiday Office Hours

The Village of Indian Point Office will be closed December 22 through December 26. Aside from the week of Christmas normal office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm and 8:30 am until 3:30 pm on Fridays.

## A Christmas Story of Neighbors By Arno Wehr

Back in the 70's Indian Point had quite a bunch of kids all about the same age. Bauer's, Bruclaner's, Maycock's, Wehr's, Hoynacki's, Noel's, Battaglia's, and others, kept our school bus busy. As all kids, they talk and learn from each other. This began the rumor that there was no Santa Claus.

It's a tender time when a child discovers certain realities. Arno III came home and exclaimed at supper just before Christmas that Santa was a big hoax! His sister Heide went into shock. She was two years younger and just knew her brother had finally flipped out.

It was our family practice to go to church on Christmas Eve and every year we would return to a treasure of gifts under our living room Christmas tree. This year we went to church a bit early to sing in the choir, but like Hovatro at the gate, Arno III watched us like a hawk. He made sure he would be the last to leave the house and that no one would for any reason back track to go potty or to get any forgotten item. He had already checked every closet, room, resort unit, dock, and all hiding places for hidden so called Santa presents. No siree, Santa was

humbug and the young boy smugly savored his victory all the way to church.

That night we returned in a light snow. As we entered the house Heide squealed at the sight of mounds of gifts. My young son was in chock. Pleased, confused, yet joyous that he was indeed wrong. Why even the oatmeal raisin cookies left for Santa were eaten.

As the kids roused around the gifts, I look out and saw the footprints of "Santa" going to my neighbor Harvey Hentschel's house. For many years after, Harvey never admitted he had anything to do with that Christmas, but Arno III knew how Harvey loved oatmeal raisin cookies.

My granddaughter came to live on Indian Point at Christmas time. As she approached four years old, her Uncle Arno said to her "come on, let's go visit Uncle Harvey". She asked why and Arno III said with all the bluster and bravado he could muster "Well! He knows Santa Claus!"

Merry Christmas Neighbor!

## Operation "Wipe Out" Cleans up Indian Point

Operation Wipe Out was a huge success. This effort to clean up Indian Point removed 43 tons of refuse from the community. No less than 15 dumpsters full of trash were removed, not to mention the numerous appliances and used tires. Residents could often see the dumpsters "brimming over". Much thanks goes to Trustee Jim Daily for wrestling the over flow back into the dumpsters and keeping the entire operation under con-

trol. Jim would visit the dumpsters daily, sometime more often, to ensure the area was kept clean.

The success of Operation Wipe Out has resulted in a resolution passed by the Trustees to continue the program in the future. Each

October the Village will provide a dumpster for residents to discard their excess refuse that would not be part of their normal trash service. Watch for details about next October's Operation Wipe Out during the summer of 2004.

*Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the Treehouse Condominiums. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have a comment, suggestion or idea to improve your Village come to the meeting and be heard.*

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Brett Stump moved to approve an additional \$280.70 for Operation Wipe Out. Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

### ***Escape Water Tower***

Daily noted that this is being handled by Village Attorney, Tom Motley who was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to other conflicts and will present his findings at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### ***2004 Budget***

Treasurer Zalog announced that the preliminary budget has been put together and that the preliminary budget be discussed at the executive session at the end of the meeting.

#### ***Recommendations from Planning & Zoning***

Daily stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has asked the Trustees to approve Bill Numbers 70 through 73.

Zalog moved that all four (4) ordinances be read consecutively. Brett Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

Daily read Bill Numbers 70, 71, 72, and 73. Zalog moved to accept Bill Numbers 70 through 73 as written. Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### ***Superintendent's Report***

Daily noted that the Superintendent's report sent to the Trustees was very good.

Daily also thanked Greg Maycock, who amply represented the Village of Indian Point at a wastewater meeting in Branson and also referred to the articles in the Branson newspaper. It was also noted that the Springfield newspaper carried an article also.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Police & Safety – Brett Stump***

Stump moved to put Frank Miller on as a reserve officer for the Village of Indian Point noting that reserve officers receive no salary. Zalog seconded the motion, motion carried.

Stump moved to retain a Prosecuting Attorney from Stone County to process tickets for the Village of Indian Point at a monthly rate not to exceed \$125.00. Zalog seconded the motion, motion carried.

Zalog moved to purchase a computer for the Chief of Police and Microsoft Office Works for a total of \$862.82. Stump seconded the motion, motion carried.

Stump noted that a job description for the Chief of Police is being put together by the committee and will be presented at the December meeting.

#### ***Planning & Zoning***

In Greg Maycock's absence, Village Superintendent Kathy Isaacs reported that a public hearing was held to amend the zoning map for various properties; a sketch plan for Table Rock Sunset Condominiums was approved and the Geisler's presented a revised plan for Auto World which will require a public hearing and the Geisler's will have to decide if they want to continue with their project.

#### ***Wastewater Advisory Board***

In Greg Maycock's absence, Village Superintendent Kathy Isaacs reported that joint work meetings will be held with the Trustees on November 13<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> to work on the ordinance for the wastewater regulations. It was also reported that Heithaus Engineering is working on the facility plan for Jake's Creek Trail and for information for the grant for this project.

#### ***Roads – Jim Daily***

Daily reported that the Road com-

mittee met to prepare the 2004 budget and submit a ten-year plan to resurface the roads. The snow removal for this winter will be handled by volunteers as a community service. Speed limit signs and the population sign need to be ordered.

Zalog moved to transfer \$1,000.00 from striping to signs in order to purchase the speed limit signs and the population sign. James Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

Daily noted that no bids were received for the grader at this time. The grader will be advertised again at a later date.

#### ***CAAD – Kent Turner***

Daily asked Bert Leman to give a review of the Enchanted Forest. Zalog asked if information regarding the Enchanted Forest could be placed at the entrance of Silver Dollar City and Daily reported that Deer Run had received two banners that we will place at the entrance if request is granted from Silver Dollar City. It was noted that the Village Superintendent is to handle this.

#### ***Approval of Accounts Payable***

Treasurer Zalog moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### ***Comments from the Trustees***

Stump gave information on emergency winter procedures and winter safety. It was also noted to contact 911 if someone needs the Chief of Police or the non-emergency number.

#### ***Comments from the Floor***

Betty Fier commented on being careful if we sell the computer tower that is being replaced to make sure all information is removed. Zalog stated he will ensure that information is properly removed.

#### ***Executive Session***

The meeting was closed to go into executive session to discuss a real

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estate proposal, the preliminary budget, and the job description and personnel policy.

### Call Meeting Back to Order

The meeting was called back to order.

Vice Chair Daily noted that the real estate proposal had been denied in the executive session; the job description for the Village Superintendent and the personnel policy for the Village office were tabled until December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; and the preliminary proposed budgets had additions and deletions made and will be presented at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting.

Zalog moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

*The preceding is a summary of the November 11, 2003 Trustee meeting and is not the approved meeting minutes.*



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS